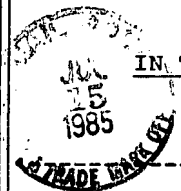


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PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT

Sir:

Applicant herein makes available to the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of PTO-1449 which lists a reference cited by the applicant.

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of this reference in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accord with 37 CFR 1.104(a) which requires "a thorough investigation of the available prior art relating to the subject matter of the invention sought to be patented." It is believed the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed in neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the foregoing reference.

It is requested that the reference listed above be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application (M.P.E.P. 1302.12).

A prompt and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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